SUBJECT No. 70.

Withdrawal of the orders enhancing registration fees.

Mr. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. Srinivasa Dikshit said that the increase in the rates of registration fees was a hardship to the public and prayed for the restoration of the old rates.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao observed that as the increased rates were odd figures, they could not be easily calculated by raiyats with the result that they were at the mercy of Sub-Registrars and obliged to pay more and that some remedy was necessary.

Mr. Siddalinga Devaru suggested, as a remedy, that the table of fees might be printed behind the receipts.

The Dewan replied that people would get used to the new rates which could not be changed now, and that in the receipts granted, the amounts paid would be ordered to be mentioned.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Levy of registration fees in stamps in lieu of cash.

Mr. G. Ramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Stamps may be permitted to be affixed in lieu of cash payments of registration fees.

The Second Member of Council observed that the law was amended and the manufacturing of necessary stamps was being considered.

The Dewan said that no further orders were necessary and that action was being taken on the subject.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Empowering Sub-Registrars to levy duty and penalty.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa suggested that the Sub-Registrars might be empowered to levy duty and penalty on documents, as such a course would lead to speedy disposal of cases.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao suggested that this power might be given to the Amildars, if possible.

The Second Member of Council pointed out that the difficulty would be obviated by frequent inspections of the office of the Sub and District Registrars by the Inspector-General of Registration.

Mr. Nanjundiah said that duty and penalty may be ordered to be recovered as in Munsiffs' Courts and that they were prepared to pay 10 times penalty as per Regulation.

The Dewan, in reply, said that the Sub-Registrars could not be given more powers, that the District Registrars had the power, according to the Stamp Regulation, to levy duty and penalty and that the state of things regarding the delays could improve with the general improvement of administration.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Empowering Assistant Commissioners to hear and decide registration appeal cases.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao, Mysore Taluk.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao wanted an amendment of the Registration Regulation so as to empower Assistant Commissioners to hear registration appeal cases, as there was a lot of delay in the disposal of such cases by the District Registrars who had multifarious duties to attend to.

Reply of Government.—The appointment of full-time District Registrars is under consideration. This will solve the difficulty complained of.